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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE OFFER OF SETTLEMENT
(ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED – 3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Pursuant to Section 1473 of the Health and Safety Code, authorize acceptance of the compromise offers of settlement from the following individuals who were injured in a third party compensatory accident and who received medical care at a County facility:

Tanesha Hicks, in amount of \$4,316.76
Steven A. Romero, in amount of \$3,826.27
Maria Velasco, in amount of \$4,859.43
Jose Velasquez, in amount of \$33,263.68
Li Hsin (Selina) Peng, in amount of \$14,282
Elsy L. Duran, in amount of \$215,000

JUSTIFICATION:

The best interest of the County would be served by the approval of this recommendation and the County Counsel concurs.

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PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The compromise offers of settlement are recommended because the patients, estates, or legally responsible relatives are unable to pay the charges.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals:

This action is consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility in pursuing collection of charges owed for County services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The County will recover partial payment from a third party against debts, otherwise uncollectible due to the limited financial resources of the individuals who received the medical care.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK J. SALADINO
Treasurer and Tax Collector

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c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel

APPROVED
LLOYD W. PELLMAN
County Counsel

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DATA FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

TRANSMITTAL NO. 57A
DATE: July 24, 2003

Amount of Aid	\$123,789.00	Account Number	10559618
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Hicks, Tanesha
Balance Due	123,789.00	Service Date	03/19/00 to 03/28/00
Compromise Amount Offered	4,316.76	Facility	Harbor UCLA Medical Ctr.
Amount to be Written Off	\$119,472.24	Service Type	Inpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Ms. Hicks was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. She was treated at Harbor UCLA Medical Center at a cost of \$123,789.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$15,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	25.00%
Attorney Cost	1,158.34	1,158.34	7.72%
Primax Recoveries	198.75	9.22	0.06%
Talbert Medical Group	8,331.24	287.91	1.94%
County of Los Angeles	123,789.00	4,316.76	28.77%
Net to Client	N/A	5,477.77	36.51%
Total	\$137,227.33	\$15,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Ms. Hicks is unemployed and receives support from her parents. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

TRANSMITTAL NO. 57B
DATE: July 24, 2003

Amount of Aid	\$24,328.00	Account Number	10688838
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Romero, Steven A.
Balance Due	24,328.00	Service Date	10/20/02 to 10/23/02
Compromise Amount Offered	3,826.27	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$20,501.73	Service Type	Inpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Romero was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$24,328.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$15,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 4,978.52	\$ 4,878.52	32.52%
Attorney Cost	364.43	364.43	2.42%
American Medical Response	1,052.25	1,052.25	7.01%
County of Los Angeles	24,328.00	3,826.27	25.53%
Net to Client	N/A	4,878.53	32.52%
Total	\$30,723.20	\$15,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Romero supports himself with a marginal income. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 57C
DATE: July 24, 2003

Amount of Aid	\$81, 920.00	Account Number	10673519
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Velasco, Maria
Balance Due	81,920.00	Service Date	04/19/01 to 12/12/01
Compromise Amount Offered	4,859.43	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$77,060.57	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Ms. Velasco was involved in a slip and fall accident. She was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$81,920.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$16,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 5,333.00	\$ 5,333.00	33.33%
Attorney Cost	3,025.35	0.00	0.00%
City of Burbank Paramedic	545.75	32.53	0.20%
St. Joseph Hospital	494.00	29.33	0.18%
Burbank Emergency Medical	298.00	18.60	0.11%
Mark Greenspan, M.D.	4,738.00	281.05	1.75%
Gabriel V. Rubancuxo, M.D.	1,905.00	113.06	0.70%
County of Los Angeles	81,920.00	4,859.43	30.40%
Net to Client	N/A	5,333.00	33.33%
Total	\$98,259.10	\$16,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Ms. Velasco is unemployed and receives Social Security benefits. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 57D
DATE: July 24, 2003

Amount of Aid	\$77,444.00	Account Number	237 50 31
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Velasquez, Jose
Balance Due	77,444.00	Service Date	08/04/02 to 04/03/03
Compromise Amount Offered	33,263.68	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$44,180.32	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Velasquez was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$77,444.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$100,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 33,263.68	\$ 33,263.68	33.26%
Attorney Cost	208.94	208.94	0.22%
County of Los Angeles	77,444.00	33,263.68	33.26%
Net to Client	N/A	33,263.70	33.26%
Total	\$110,916.62	\$100,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Velasquez is unemployed and receives support from relatives. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 57E
DATE: July 24, 2003

Amount of Aid	\$57,178.00	Account Number	10642053
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Peng, Li Hsin (Selina)
Balance Due	57,178.00	Service Date	01/26/02 to 02/07/02
Compromise Amount Offered	14,282.00	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$42,892.00	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Ms. Peng was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. She was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$57,178.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$45,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	33.33%
Attorney Cost	219.39	219.39	0.48%
Li Liu, M.D., Physical Therapy	2,580.00	2,580.00	5.74%
County of Los Angeles	57,178.00	14,282.00	32.75%
Net to Client	N/A	12,918.61	27.70%
Total	\$74,977.39	\$45,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Ms. Peng is unemployed, a full-time student and lives with her parents. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 57F
DATE: July 24, 2003

Amount of Aid	\$343,192.00	Account Number	10650798
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Duran, Elsy L.
Balance Due	343,192.00	Service Date	10/15/01 to 04/02/02
Compromise Amount Offered	215,000.00	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$128,192.00	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Ms. Duran was involved in a MTA bus versus pedestrian accident. She was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$343,192.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$1,000,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$400,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	40.00%
Attorney Cost	20,790.00	20,790.00	2.08%
Dr. Carol Lieberman	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.13%
Dr. Michael Hollander	1,240.00	1,240.00	0.12%
Ortho Engineering, Inc.	450.00	450.00	0.05%
County of Los Angeles	343,192.00	215,000.00	21.50%
Net to Client	N/A	361,270.00	36.12%
Total	\$766,922.00	\$1,000,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Ms. Duran is unemployed and is supported by her family. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.